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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MPOL, XF, BA  
SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR SADAT

REF: STATE 276546

1. I MADE REFTEL DEMARCHE TO ACTING PRIME MINISTER, HEIR  
APPARENT SHAIKH HAMAD, AT MID-DAY NOV 19. SHAIKH HAMAD  
REPLIED THAT GOB" "IN ITS HEART", WISHED SADAT EVERY  
SUCCESS BUT THAT GOB'S PUBLIC STANCE WOULD BE SAME AS  
SAUDI ARABIA'S. ON SUCH IMPORTANT MATTER BAHRAIN CAN SAY  
NO MORE AND NO LESS THAN SAG. ACTUALLY, GOB DOES NOT PLAN  
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TO SAY ANYTHING OFFICIALLY BUT, IF ASAUD, WILL INDICATE  
THAT BAHRAIN AGREES WITH SAUDI POSITION.

2. SHAIKH HAMAD SAID GOB&V GREATEST FEAR IS THAT SADAT  
TRIP WILL DRIVE WEDGE BETWEEN SAUDIS AND EGYPTIANS WHICH  
OTHERS, IRAQIS AND LIBYANS FOR EXAMPLES, WILL EXPLOIT TO THE

DETRIMENT OF PEACE PROCESS AND, EVENTUALLY, OF STABILITY OF THE GULF. HE GAVE IT AS HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT SADAT'S VISIT TO ISREAL WILL FINISH HIM POLITICALLY IN EGYPT, REGARDLESS OF OUTCOME OF VISIT. SHAIKH HAMAD SAID HE FEARED MILITARY COUP AGAINST SADAT, EITHER BEFORE HIS DEPARTUGDN TODAY OR DURING HIS ABSENCE. SHAIKH HAMAD SAID GOING TO ISREAL WAS NOT SADAT'S MISTAKE BUT FAILURE TO GET AT LEAST SAUDI SUPPORT WAS. FEAR THAT ONE OR ANOTHER ARAB LEADER WILL DESERT THE CAUSE IS STRONG AMONG ALL ARABS AND SADAT IS GIVING STRENGTH TO THIS FEAR.

3. LOCAL MEDIA GIVING STRONG PLAY TO SAUDI REACTIONS TO SADAT TRIP; LOCAL COMMENTARY REFLECTS SURPRISE AND UNSERTAINTY FELT THROUGHOUT ARAB WORLD. ONE PAPER RECALLED LATE KING FISAL'S DESIRE TO PRAY IN JERUSALEM AND SAID THAT NOW SADAT WILL PRAY THERE: "WILL IT BE A PRAYER OF VICTORY OR A PRAYER FOR THE DEATH OF PALESTINE?" CLUVERIUS

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